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Thanks

... A huge thanks goes out to everyone who helped out with our annual Trail Bike Ride on the weekend to make it a very successful day. A special thanks to Alister Rickey for co-ordinating this event. Also thanks for Simon & Sue Mehrtens & their team of merry men (you know who you are), who continue to help our school with setting up the track. Last, but certainly not least the fantastic farmers who let us use their farms: Greg & Marion Lovell, Neville & Anne Thorne, David & Alison King, Ross & Sue Henty, Tim & Sarah Williamson, Lloyd & Kaye Roberts and Tim & Brenda Mundy.

We are still doing a tally up, but it looks as though we have raised over \$8000 (less expenses) - SO WELL DONE EVERYONE!!!

.. to our Lit Quiz teams and their parent support team - 7th and 17th places in a very competitive field. Well done!

.. Ben and Sharon Smith for donation of plants for our bark gardens.

People of the week

.. Liam who is just about the most friendly kid on the planet (and he also wears his high vis jacket every day).

.. Our school choir - off to an awesome start.

.. Our netball teams, their coaches and managers for a great start to the season.

.. Matthew - a very professional "Radio Rookie" this week. An awesome job Matthew.

Toby, 8yrs wrote a story about eeling with Grandad and won the Cronin Fishing Charters Competition for 7-12yr olds for a day out to Hen & Chicks! Well done Toby.

Overarching virtue 2011

As advised earlier, our overarching virtue for 2011 is *Valuing Self and Others* .. this is also the first part of our School Mission Statement. Please find attached a brief description (from the children) of what valuing self and others means. Please take some time to discuss this with your children and pin it to the fridge (or similar) for future reference. Other 2011 virtues have been selected to support the "valuing self and others".

School Disco

On the 14 April at lunchtime there will be a Junior disco (years 1 to 3). Entry fee will be \$2, prizes can be won.

At 7pm the same night the rest of the school will have its disco. Entry fee will also be \$2. Children to be picked up **from the hall** please no later than 9:30 pm.

If you are able to help with supervision please contact Mrs Witte early next week.

Hand Towels

As in earlier years parents are asked to put a hand towel in their child's bag each week which they can use after washing their hands. Some parents also place hand sanitizers in their child's lunchbox for them to use before eating.

Annual Meeting

.. of the Board of Trustees will take place Tuesday 10:00 May - 6:00 pm in the staffroom. Parents welcome.

Bible in Schools 2011

This programme resumes in term 2. Attendance / non-attendance lists will be as per last year **unless parents advise otherwise (if you would like to request a change please phone Mrs Cates next week)**.

Non attending children will be allocated extra work (often in areas of need identified in teacher / parent / student conferences) and will be supervised and assisted with this work.

Parents may opt children either in or out of the Bible in Schools Programme after the first or second session but we would like classes settled by week 3. Programmes will be ecumenical in nature and will parallel and reinforce our virtues programme where possible. Thanks to those giving their time to this programme.

Poppy Day

As ANZAC Day falls within term break we have designated Wednesday 13 April as our special ANZAC remembrance day here at school. If you would like a poppy for your child (up to you) please send (minimum) gold coin per poppy to school and we will distribute them on the Wednesday - we may even have some over for parents if you call at the office. Teachers will spend a little time talking with children over the preceding days about the significance of ANZAC Day. Thank you for your support.

Matarau School Recipe Book

As a fundraiser we would like to publish a Matarau School recipe book. Please could you email faithfull.family@extra.co.nz with your favourite recipe or pop a hard copy in to Helen at the office and we will compile a book. Kids are encouraged to be involved too. Who knows we may find NZ's next Master Chef amongst us!

School Vegetable Garden

It is not too late for interested parents to join our Garden Club support team (requiring perhaps an afternoon a week - Tuesday or Wednesday good days but can be flexible) then please contact Kevin at school or Lisa Jones on 4356199 (027 258 9663). You would get plenty of support.

Choir .. can you help?

Please make contact Mrs Williams (Grace) if able to accompany our choir on any of their off-site visits - 31 May, 5 July and 8 August.

Northland Secondary Schools Triathlon

Well done to those children who participated in the event. Results are as follows:

Euan	4 th	Brady	5 th	Scott	9 th	Emily	9 th
Boys Team Event - (Angus, James and Ty)							2 nd

A former student Jeremy Crawford, now attending Huanui College, came 1st in the U14 individual event

Rippa Rugby

A reminder that year 3 to 6 children will be attending a Rippa Rugby Tournament at Tikipunga Sports Ground on 15 April and 1 July. Children will travel by bus - departing shortly after 9:00 am and returning by 3:00 pm. Please ensure that children bring their lunch, warm clothing, sunhats and plenty to drink. It is important that any outstanding consent forms are returned to school **this coming Monday**. Any questions in the run up to this event to Miss Bevin please.

Bark Gardens

Shortly we will be spending a bit of time upgrading some of our bark gardens. If you have any miniature shrubs or other suitable plants we would be most grateful if you could drop these in to school.

Special Needs Programmes

Parents of children nominated for placement in term 2 are asked to return consent forms on Monday please. Please note that parental support is essential if the benefits from placement are to be fully realised - it is especially important that homework tasks are completed. Mrs Comrie is more than happy to answer any questions and parents are welcome to sit in on sessions.

Netball fees

Please note that netball fees must be paid as soon as possible. If you have not already done so, please forward payment to school so that we can pay the Netball Association on your behalf.

Lost Property

There is a fair amount of lost property in the lost property bin between rooms 10 and 11. Although we do make efforts to get this property to its rightful owners, inevitably a fair amount of material is left over at the end of each term. Parents are invited to drop by at any time to lay claim to their children's clothes. Items remaining by the end of term will be donated to charities.

Bus Children - High Visibility Vests

FANTASTIC to see so many children wearing their vests to school. Please continue to insist that they have these on before they leave home each day.

Buses

Please remember that it is thus absolutely imperative that parents ADVISE US IN ADVANCE OF ANY CHANGES TO USUAL BUS ARRANGEMENTS. This can be by phone, note in the morning, advance email to the school (admin@matarau.school.nz), or by leaving a voice message on a phone which is now dedicated for this purpose and which is checked every day prior to bus departure.

Community Notices

For Sale - KuneKune piglet, \$50 each. Call Cassandra 4335968.

"ontheroad" Rock Solid Camp 2011 -Sun 17th April to Thur 21st April, only \$140, Exclusively for year 7, 8 & 9 students. The camp will be run by fulltime Rock Solid Club Staff from YOUTH ZONE (incendo). With heaps of rad activities from things that make you go AAAAGH! Since we are a mobile camp we will be going to Dargaville, Kai iwi lakes, Waipoua forest, Kaitaia, Cape Reinga, Paihia back to Whangarei. With heaps of cool activities and sight seeing around Northland. Your highlights will be 4 wheel bikes, swimming, massive kauri trees, sand duning, Cape Reinga, Mangonui fish n chip shop and Excitor trip through hole in the rock Bay of Islands. Extra things if that's not enough, crazy games, Big screen movies, playstation, X-Box and heaps more!!! Friends, friends, and more friends and a chance to talk about life's important issues and heaps more. Book in Now and Register!! Can only can take 30. www.ontheroad.info.ms or www.youthzone.org.nz
There are still spaces left. Phone Scottie at Rock Solid 4386059 office or A/H 021 782547

Scholastic Book Order - .. Clearance sale brochures sent home this week. Orders and money due in next Friday 15th April.

School Newsletter .. If you would like to receive this by email contact us on admin@matarau.school.nz

Skids After School Programme

Kia Ora, Skids is offering a fun filled after school care programme during 2011. Please register your interest by ringing or txt Erena Koopu on 0278461724. Alternatively pop into the hall after school to find out more information.



Skids offer safe and reliable after school care with a focus on a well structured, balanced programme offering fun activities to your school for your children, giving parent's and caregiver's peace of mind.

Bullying .. Just in case you missed this last week .. you can help by ..

.. reiterating our first advice to children which is **to make it clear to other children when something they have said or done is hurting them** "I don't like it when you " (this empowers victims and solves most problems). Children have the option of doing this in the presence of a staff member if they wish.

.. **letting us know if this first step has not worked - or, even better, asking your child to let us know.** Follow-up meetings will be scheduled, and re-scheduled, until the matter is resolved.

.. **make it clear to your child that it is not only OK to see an adult but it is often sensible and necessary to do so.**

.. recognise that there are **two sides to most stories and that resolution can take time.**

.. once referred **leave it to us and trust us to do our job.**

.. **get back to us if things do not improve or if they slip back.** Cases can be "re-opened".

.. be the best role models you can be personally (and take an interest in who your children play with and what they watch on television).

Term dates

Term 1 finishes Friday 15 April - usual time. Term 2 resumes Monday 2 May.

Finally

Thank you for your support this term. Thank you especially to those who have helped out in classrooms and around the school, those who have supported our representative teams, and those who attended our senior camp. Not least thanks for getting in behind class programmes. Have a safe holiday with quality time with the kids. No newsletter next week.

Couldn't resist

Rabbits can multiply - but only a snake can be an adder.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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BOBBY CALF FUND RAISER

AFFCO is again running the **Cash for Schools** bobby calf fund raising programme this season. This is a fantastic opportunity to generate cash for the school. Last year AFFCO donated more than \$80,000 to local schools as a result of the programme. All you have to do is register your bobby calves with AFFCO for the current season (forms available at the school office), and nominate our school for the donation. It doesn't cost you anything, because AFFCO pays the donation over and above normal supplier payments.

Term 2 Lunch Extensions



**In addition to regular Friday
Pie orders, new hot food
options will be available**

Full menu advertised Week 1

Watch this Space!

Valuing self and others .. by the children of Matarau School (March 2011)

What does valuing self mean? Having a "can do" attitude Doing our best Being confident Knowing we get better when we try Knowing there are things we are good at Knowing that others appreciate us Being happy being ourself.	What does valuing others mean? Showing kindness and respect to others Not drawing attention to others mistakes Lending others a hand when needed Including others in what you do Not putting other people down By being honest and truthful with others By treating others as we would like to be treated
What does it look like when we value self? We do not give up easily We give things a go When we take time to smile When we can laugh at our mistakes When we take pride in our appearance We stay positive and cheerful We feel good when we know we have done well	What does it look like when we value others? We think before we speak or act We are polite We invite people to be our friends We involve others in what we do We tell others when they have done well We help others when they need help We make others feel important We do not judge others
How do we get better at valuing ourselves? By building on what we already do well By valuing others we value ourself By not hurting back when we are hurt By setting goals and working to wards these By remembering that some things take practice By keeping "can do" thoughts in your head By having good role models	How do we get better at valuing others? By listening to others By Complimenting others By saying hello and asking people how they are By moving on from disagreements By taking time to smile and have fun By making sure others get a turn By thinking about how they feel By putting ourselves second By following he good example of others

Supporting virtues (5 weeks each)

T2	Compassion	Helpfulness
T3	Truthfulness	Trustworthiness
T4	Respect	Kindness

Income & Expenditure Statement - Camp Auckland 2011 - Newsletter

Income	Amount	Expenditure	Amount
Full Camp fees	\$10,350.00	Nightly Charge	\$1560.00
		Food Charge	\$2031.00
		Petrol Donation	\$560.00
Contribution from senior fundraising account	\$1,525.00	Eden Park	\$345.00
		Kelly Tarlton	\$2022.80
		Water Park	\$138.00
		Orienteering	\$147.00
		Indoor Cricket	\$539.27
		Harbour Bridge	\$3000.00
		Sky Walk	\$645.00
		Music Festival	\$887.50
Income	\$11,875.00	Expenditure	\$11,875.00

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